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**OPTICAL SENSOR FOR MEASURING CHARACTERISTICS AND PROPERTIES OF
STRANDS**

(Title of the Invention)

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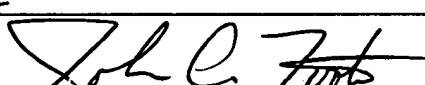
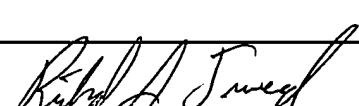
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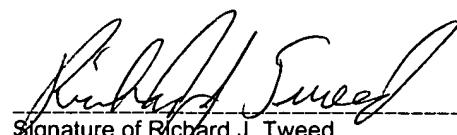
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